

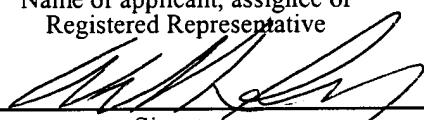
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Responsive to the Examiner's request for election of species dated April 9, 2003, applicant elects 17 β -estradiol as the estrogen, EM-652.HCl (whose molecular structure is shown in claim 41) as the selective estrogen receptor modulator and dehydroepiandrosterone as a further ingredient for certain preferred embodiments which include such a third ingredient (see, e.g., claim 2). The claims which read on the elected species are claims 1-5, 12-20, 22-27 and 34-42.

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